



### **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Brazos River Flood**

The City of Lake Jackson is monitoring the Brazos River Flood.

Heavy rain last week in and around Washington County is sending a large amount of water down the Brazos River. The National Weather Service (NWS) is forecasting the Brazos River to crest at just below 54 feet on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rosharon Gauge.

When the level in Rosharon hits 50.8 feet water begins to leave the Brazos River at a point just north of the Harris Reservoir. The overflow moves overland and eventually gets into the Oyster Creek and Bastrop Bayou watersheds. In the 1991/1992 Brazos River Flood the river crested and remained above the 51 foot level for about 10 days. This forecasted crest of 54 feet is considerably higher, but the duration of the crest will be a huge factor.

Once the river water enters the Oyster Creek and Bastrop Bayou watersheds, they will begin to fill.

In 1991/1992 Oyster Creek did not leave its banks within the City of Lake Jackson, although it got close. Based on the current river forecast we may see Oyster Creek bank full. All residents who live along the creek should remove all loose items below the high bank and get them above the high bank.

With Oyster Creek and the Bastrop Bayou full or nearly full this gives us no place to drain any rainwater that may fall on the City. And, sure enough the NWS is predicting rain at the end of the next week.

City crews will be pre-positioning pumps at strategic locations around the creek. We will leave the flood gates open as long as we can before closing them once the creek rises substantially.

The City asks all residents to be mindful of this flooding threat.

We will provide daily updates until this threat passes.